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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Theo W.)
Warmerdam, et al.) Examiner: D. Brunzman
Serial No.: 08/456,123)
Filed: 31 May 1995) Group Art Unit: 1108
For: STARCH-BASED ADHESIVE) Date: September 21, 1995

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 24, 1995,
please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the Claims:

16. (Amended) In a cigarette characterized by a rod of
an amount of tobacco wrapped in a paper tube, the paper tube
being glued along a longitudinal edge with an adhesive, the
improvement comprising the use as the additive of an adhesive
composition devoid of alkali and [that includes] comprising a
dispersible unmodified starch that heat thickens on heating to
a temperature greater than about 50°C.

Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 24,
1995. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesies
extended to its representative, Melissa B. Pendleton, during
the personal interview with the Examiner September 13, 1995.
The substance of the interview is set forth in the remarks
below as required by the rules of practice.

Claims 16-21 are currently pending in the present
application. Claims 16-21 are rejected under 35 USC Section

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